

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

COUNTRY	GHANA
NAME OF PROJECT	GHANA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROJECT (P176126)
CREDIT NO	IDA-70960-GH
ASSIGNMENT TITLE	ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTING FIRMS TO CONDUCT A NATIONWIDE FIBER AUDIT IN GHANA
REFERENCE NO.	GH-MOC--315019-CS-QCBS

The **Ministry of Communications and Digitalisation** has received Credit from the World Bank toward the cost of the Ghana Digital Acceleration Project (GDAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultancy services to conduct a nationwide fiber audit in Ghana.

Objective of the assignment

The objective of this assignment is to engage consulting services to conduct a nationwide fiber audit and assess the state of terrestrial fiber laid in Ghana and subsequently develop national standards for terrestrial fiber deployment in Ghana. A nationwide audit of the fiber infrastructure will help harmonize the requirements for terrestrial fibre deployment and gain up-to-date information on existing terrestrial fibre infrastructure.

The consulting firm must demonstrate the following:

The following are the vendor qualification requirements required for the assignment:

- The Vendor should have successfully conducted similar audits in at least two institutions within the last 5 years.
- The vendor must be an established firm with at least 10 years of experience in with demonstrable experience in Africa.
- The firm must have a data protection certificate from the Data Protection Commission of Ghana or any other internationally recognized data protection institution.
- The firm shall present at least two references to prove possession of each of the above qualifications and experience.

Duration of the Assignment: 9 months

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consulting firms is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” September

2023 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment on paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultant’s Qualification and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 0900 hours to 1600 hours GMT or through pcu.gdap@moc.gov.gh

Expressions of Interest (one (1) original and four (4) copies) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail or by e-mail) by 1600 hours GMT on July 4, 2024. Envelopes must be marked “EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO CONDUCT A NATIONWIDE FIBER AUDIT IN GHANA.

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